

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of: Charles L. Branch et al.	)	Before the Examiner: Pedro Philogene
Application of Serial No. 10/698,702	)	Group Art Unit 3733
Filed October 31, 2003	) ) )	Ref. No. MSDI-186/ PC365.07
INTERBODY FUSION GRAFTS	)	
AND INSTRUMENTATION	)	

## AMENDMENT AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 CFR 1.312

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Please enter and consider the following amendments and remarks in the subject application. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time necessary and charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

A Notice of Allowance was mailed to the Applicant on August 7, 2009, followed by a Notice of Drawing Inconsistency With Specification mailed on August 27, 2009. The Notice indicated that Figure 44c is listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification but not contained in the drawings, and that Figures 37 and 46a are contained in the drawings but are not listed in the Brief Description of the Drawings in the specification. To address these informalities, the Applicant submits the subject amendment under 37 CFR 1.312. The Applicant also submits that no new subject matter has been added via this amendment.